

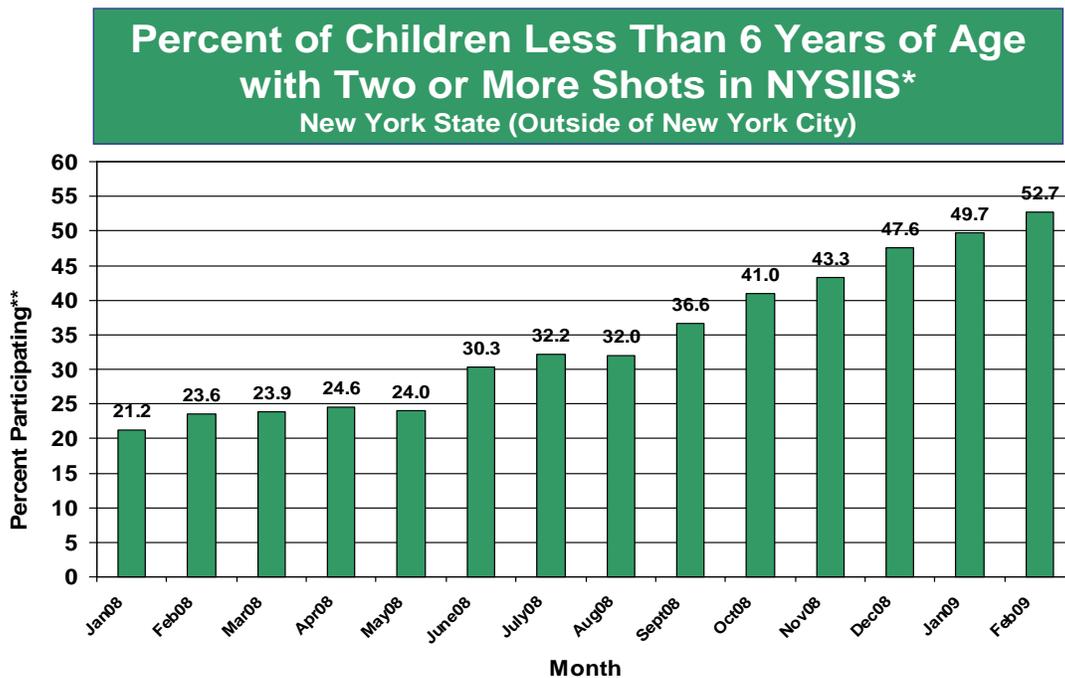


NYSIIS News—Winter 2009 Issue
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Welcome back to **NYSIIS News**. This e-newsletter provides you with updates on the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

Where Are We Now?

NYSIIS celebrates its first birthday! NYSIIS went live on February 25, 2008 and has grown by leaps and bounds throughout the year. As of February 24, 2009, NYSIIS contains more than 2 million patient records and 21 million immunizations. The percentage of children in New York State (outside of New York City) who now have two or more immunizations recorded in NYSIIS has doubled over the past year and has reached nearly 53%. Training and outreach efforts have resulted in 1,922 health care provider organizations and 528 schools with active user accounts.



*New York State Immunization Information System

**Based on Claritas 2008 population estimates.

Data prior to Apr08 is from the HUB; data beginning Apr08 is from NYSIIS.

Updated 03/01/09

For 2009, the primary focus of our outreach efforts continues to be on pediatric providers, hospitals, college health practitioners, internists and obstetrician/gynecologists. We will also continue to provide webinar training opportunities tailored for use by both school nurses and pharmacists.

NYSIIS Training— Spring Training Underway

The 2009 spring training schedule was widely distributed to provider organizations, local health departments, and professional medical societies. The schedule consists of 26 classroom training sessions available between February and April and 13 live webinar sessions that started at the end of January and continue approximately once a week through April. The complete training schedule is available on the Health Commerce System's NYSIIS training page. Click on or copy the following link into your web browser: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/training_info.html

Additional classroom and webinar trainings will be scheduled throughout 2009. The training schedule for May through September is being developed. Dates and locations of upcoming trainings will be posted on the NYSIIS website starting April 1, 2009.

NYSIIS Tips and Tricks—Tip of the Month

Beginning in December 2008, a tip of the month is being posted under announcements on the NYSIIS home page. Tips are often based on user inquiries and will provide users with information on various NYSIIS functions.

The screenshot shows the NYSIIS website interface. The browser title is "New York State Immunization Information System ... [Home] - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us:543/PRD/security_ui.portalFrontDoor?pusid=279509. The navigation menu includes "home", "manage access/account", "forms", "related links", "logout", and "help desk". The user is identified as "Loretta Santilli" with the role of "NYSIIS System Administrator".

The main content area is divided into sections: "exceptions:", "announcements:", and "release notes:". The "announcements:" section lists several items, with the following entry circled in red:

- 02/13/2009 ~ [February Tip - Check your Organization Information Today!](#)

The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories: "Patients", "Immunizations", and "Reports". A red arrow points to the "announcements:" section header.

The following tips have been posted previously:

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| December 2008 | Auto Fill by Zip Code |
| January 2009 | Entering Synagis |
| February 2009 | Check Your Organization Information Today |

If you missed any of these topics you can still find them under announcements with the heading "Previous Tips of the Month".

NYSIIS Champions!

At each of the December 2008 regional user group meetings, recognition was given to NYSIIS users who were nominated by their peers as having taken special efforts in implementing NYSIIS in their practice. These NYSIIS Champions were recognized for their extraordinary efforts to adopt NYSIIS into their workflow. Each NYSIIS Champion received a certificate of appreciation for their significant contribution to the successful implementation of NYSIIS.

Below is a list of our 2008 NYSIIS Champions.

Four Seasons Pediatrics	Schuyler County Health Department
Pondview Pediatrics	Putnam County Health Department
Fort Hudson Nursing Center	Clarkston Pediatrics
Office of Children and Family Services	Good Samaritan Family Medicine
Northcourt Pediatrics	Suffolk County Health Department
Summerwood Pediatrics	Family Care Physicians of WNY
Monroe County Health Department	Kenmore Family Medicine
Yates County Health Department	Erie County Health Department
Lewis Pediatrics	Derby Pediatrics
Steuben County Health Department	Niagara County Health Department
Ontario County Health Department	Lancaster-Depew Pediatrics

Individuals and groups within participating organizations will continue to be recognized at the NYSIIS user group meetings, which are held bi-annually. Nominees for the Spring 2009 meetings have already begun to be submitted. Nominations for future NYSIIS Champions can be submitted via email to nysiis@health.state.ny.us.

Spring 2009 User Group Meetings

If you have started using NYSIIS in your practice—we want to hear from you! We encourage you to come to a user group meeting to hear from fellow NYSIIS users and share your experiences. These meetings provide an opportunity to interact with NYSIIS staff and obtain clarification and further insight on NYSIIS functionality. These meetings are NOT formal user trainings but rather an opportunity to update users on current implementation and enhancement activities, share some tips and tricks for using specific features, and provide a forum for users to discuss successes and challenges.

The Spring NYSIIS user group meetings are scheduled for April 28th in Syracuse, April 29th in Rochester, April 30th in Buffalo, May 5th in Glens Falls, May 6th in Tarrytown, and May 7th in Long Island. Meeting details and registration will be available shortly at: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/ug_meeting_info.html

Let's Talk Technical—Vital Statistics Birth Records Have Been Loaded

Select demographic information from the vital statistics birth records for children born in New York State (outside of NYC) from 2004 through 2008 have been successfully loaded into NYSIIS. This includes the Hepatitis B immunization (and immunoglobulin if indicated) recorded by the birth hospital. Approximately 600,000 patient records and 280,000 immunization records were loaded. As a result, 57% of the records were added as new patients and 43% were merged with existing records. New and updated vital statistic information is being uploaded daily.

As always, prior to entering a new patient, it is recommended that NYSIIS users perform a patient search. Patient records for babies born in 2004 and forward should already be available in the system. The addition of the birth records should be a significant time saver for NYSIIS users!

NYSIIS Regulations – Notice of Adoption

The Notice of Adoption package for the NYSIIS regulations was filed with the Department of State on December 16, 2008. The regulations became effective on December 31, 2008 and are available in the New York State Register.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Websites:

NYSIIS on the Health Provider Network (HPN)

<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/nysiis.html>

NYSIIS information on the NYSDOH Public Web Site

http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/

Phone numbers and email addresses:

For help with the Health Commerce System (HPN access, HPN accounts)

Commerce Accounts Management Unit (CAMU) Help Desk

1-866-529-1890 or hinhpn@health.state.ny.us

For help with NYSIIS (user access, how to use the system)

NYSIIS Technical Help Desk

1-866-389-0371 or nysiishelpdesk@eds.com

For general questions from parents or the public

Growing Up Healthy Hotline

1-800-522-5006

For all other questions

NYSIIS staff

(518) 473-2839 or nysiis@health.state.ny.us

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